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SUBJECT: BILL C-58: TIME MAGAZINE'S NEW APPEAL

1. TWO-PAGE STATEMENT TO "READERS" ENTITLED "FREEDOM AND FAIRNESS" IN JANUARY 26 ISSUE OF TIME CANADA REITERATES STRONG OPPOSITION TO "CULLEN RULE" ON EIGHTY PERCENT CONTENT DIFFERENCE AS "AN EXTREME AND DANGEROUS DISTORTION OF THE LAW". CHARGES GOC WITH PROPOSING "TO CONTROL THE CONTENT OF A FREE PRESS". ARTICLE QUOTES VARIETY OF EDITORIALS FROM CANADIAN NEWSPAPERS CRITICAL OF "CULLEN RULE", REVIEW NEGOTIATIONS WITH BASFORD AND STRESSES WILLINGNESS CONFORM TO BILL C-58 AS WRITTEN WITHOUT CULLEN GLOSS LAST SPRING. STATEMENT CONCLUDES: QUOTE. WE ASK OUR READERS, AND INDEED ALL CANADIANS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, TO REJECT THE CULLEN RULE AS AN ABRIDGMENT OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT TO A FREE FLOW OF NEWS AND INFORMATION. WE ASK SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM AND FAIRNESS THAT ARE CENTRAL TO CANADA'S TRADITIONS. END QUOTE.

2. COPY OF STATEMENT BEING FORWARDED TO EUR/CAN.  
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